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SUBJECT: ESCAPE CLAUSE PROCEEDING ON ALLOY STEEL - BTN
CLASSIFICATION

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1. IN THE ALLOY/STAINLESS STEEL SECTOR, THERE IS NO
TARIFF CLASSIFICATION CONCORDANCE BETWEEN THE BRUSSELS
TARIFF NOMENCLATURE AND THE TARIFF SCHEDULES OF THE UNITED
STATES. THUS THERE IS NO BTN ITEM NUMBER CORRESPONDING
TO THE CITED TSUS ITEMS OF INTEREST, EITHER SEPARATELY
OR COLLECTIVELY. THE ETN ITEM, 73.15, WHICH INCLUDES THE
ALLOY/STAINLESS STEEL PRODUCTS OF INTEREST ALSO INCLUDES
A WIDE RANGE OF OTHER STAINLESS, TOOL AND CARBON STEEL
PRODUCTS NOT AFFECTED BY THE COMMISSION'S DETERMINATION.
THE USE OF BTN ITEM 73.15 DATA IS THEREFORE LIKELY TO
OVERSTATE THE IMPACT.

2. THE COMMISSIONS REPORT, A COPY OF WHICH WAS AIRPOUCHED
TO THE MISSION JANUARY 26, CONTAINS STATISTICAL TABLES
REPORTING THE EXTENT OF SPANISH PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED
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STATES IMPORT TRADE IN THE ARTICLES OF INTEREST. SPANISH

SHIPMENTS CONSIST ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY OF STAINLESS STEEL
BARS AND ALLOY TOOL STEEL BARS (ITEM 608.52). IN 1974

TOTAL IMPORTS FROM SPAIN OF THE STAINLESS STEEL PRODUCTS
COVERED BY THE INVESTIGATION TOTALED 4,659 TONS VALUED
AT \$4,786 THOUSAND, OF WHICH 4,631 TONS VALUED AT
\$4,755 THOUSAND WERE IN THE FORM OF BARS. TOTAL IMPORTS
OF THE AFFECTED ALLOY TOOL STEEL PRODUCTS WERE 1,217
TONS VALUED AT \$1,020 THOUSAND, ALL IN THE FORM OF
TOOL STEEL BARS. KISSINGER

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